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DUPUY DECLARES MATTER IS CLOSED

General Manager of Virginian Railway Says Engine Contract Will Stand.

"We cannot reopen the question of the award of contract for engines," said Vice-President and General Manager Raymond Dupuy, of the Virginian Railway, at the Westmoreland Club last night. "The award was made on a competitive bid, and we got through eight engines for the Richmond works. Quite a number of telegrams were sent me yesterday from the Governor, the Mayor and various business organizations, but owing to a mistake in the address, 44 Broadway, I am going back to New York to-night, and will reply to all these messages to-morrow."

First Design Changed. Other officials of the Virginian Railway in the city yesterday indicated that after the original award was made, the design of the engines was changed, and it became necessary to ask for new bids. The Baldwin works being at this time the lowest bidder on the largest type of engine. Mr. Dupuy indicated that his reply to all the organizations and officials who had protested against the removal of the contract from the Richmond works would be full and explicit, endeavoring to show that there had been no discrimination, but that the award was let to the lowest bidder.

He was positive in his statement that the contract for the engines would not again consider its action and throw the work to the Virginian plant.

Mr. Dupuy declined to discuss the conference of railway officials in regard to the passenger rates, but admitted that he had been at such a conference, where he met a number of railroad officials. He was accompanied by Mr. E. W. Knight, general counsel of the Virginian Railway, and Superintendent of Motive Power Sanderson, through whose department the contracts were awarded.

Two Views of the Matter. According to a citizen who was extremely well informed, the visit of the officials was to relay the popular feeling caused by the withdrawal of the larger order placed heretofore with the Richmond branch of the American Locomotive Company. It was not shown, however, that Mr. Dupuy called on officers of the commercial organizations, nor did he see the Governor, as reported generally.

"From the facts, said this citizen, 'It would appear that the competition was closed when contracts were awarded a month or two ago. The impression created by this change is necessarily one of doubt in the minds of some people as to what form of obligation binds railroads. This matter deeply concerns Richmond, and the amount of relieving everywhere and the good will expressed when the first contract announcement was made is the best measure of the disappointment created by the sudden reversal in the second.'"

It was said last night by a man close to the Virginian management that after the first agreement the company decided that it would be unwise to experiment with eleven mallet-articulated engines, that new high were called for, and the understanding being that the American Locomotive Works should retain the right engine of a different type upon which it had been based.

Club Prompt to Act. Along with other telegrams to Mr. Dupuy was the following signed by President John A. Miller, Jr., and Secretary-Treasurer W. O. Skelton, of the Business Men's Club:

"When you awarded contract to Richmond Locomotive Works, a most favorable impression was created, and was especially pleasing to the large number of skilled workmen who felt work was assured them."

Appeal is Allowed. In the Supreme Court yesterday an appeal was allowed in the case of Coppenstead against the Loudoun National Bank, from the Circuit Court of Loudoun county.

Verdict for Defendant. In the City Circuit Court yesterday the jury heard the case of Mrs. Julia B. Anderson against M. B. Blodgett and wife for a rent attachment, amounting to \$12. The verdict was for the defendant.

OPERATED STILL IN COFFIN SHOP

Ray Family Took Business Both Ways in Tazewell Establishment, Which Officers Broke Up.

Reports were received here yesterday morning by United States Revenue Agent William H. Chapman that a complete still had been seized while running at full blast in the coffin shop of Shade Ray, at Rayon, Tazewell county. Though there was no one on hand to be arrested at the time that the revenue officers blew in, the fires were still blazing and there was ample evidence that the manipulators had not long departed when they arrived. The seizure was made by Deputy J. D. Dailey.

In spite of the fact that the illicit establishment was situated in the coffin shop, it is said to belong to Silie Ray, who made a quick get-away before the officers appeared on the scene. As there are only two roads in that part of the State, the officers could not take up the plant, but were forced to destroy it on the spot. Drawing their conclusions from the quantity of the liquor made by the moonshiners, the revenue officers believe that the double establishment is a still house on the part of the Ray family to get the trade both going and coming, that Shade got the buying of all Silie's victims. If that be so, the business of both father and son will suffer a great slump after the work of the revenue officers.

SENTENCE CONSPIRATORS

Negroes Who Tried to Break Jail Get

Before Magistrate James T. Lewis yesterday morning, George Howell, Sossey Smith and Isaac Young, three of the four negroes who attempted to overcome Jailer R. C. Garnett and escape on November 25th, were given six months each to do good, and a fine of \$500 for their good behavior for one year. If they are unable to pay the fine and give the bond, it means a sentence of twenty-one months in the county jail.

James Heller, who is said to have been the leader in the conspiracy, was not tried, as he is now under both a jail and penitentiary sentence. This is his third conviction, which means that he will probably be locked up for the rest of his days, no matter what the magistrate might have said.

Colonel Burton Returns. State Insurance Commissioner Joseph Burton returned to the city yesterday from Chicago, where he had been for the past week on official business. Colonel Burton has been in attendance upon the following of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners: On railway and on Federal Insurance. Forty-one State Legislatures meet this winter, and the purpose of the commissioners is to secure uniform laws with reference to insurance as far as it is possible to do so.

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CHAMBER URGED SEABOARD HELP

Receivers to Spend \$125,000 for Improvement of Freight Terminals and Facilities.

Due to a great measure to the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, \$125,000 of the \$1,250,000 in receivers' certificates which will be issued by the Seaboard Air Line Railway by the authority of Judge Pritchard, of the United States Court, will be spent for improving the facilities of the road in this city. The sum of \$45,000 will be spent in Manchester. The money to be expended here will be used for the building of yards and a freight house. It is the purpose of the receivers to level the tracks leading into Lumpkin's Bottom to south of Broad Street and north of Shockoe Creek. This will make one less track across the road, and give a good entrance to the freight yards, which will be constructed in Lumpkin's Bottom. The depot will be ample for handling freight, and will have a wide wagon road leading down to it.

Urged Improvement Here.

These expenditures of the Seaboard Air Line constitute a good illustration of how the Chamber of Commerce is constantly engaged in promoting the best interests of the city. Early in November Mr. E. S. Goodman, traffic manager of the Chamber, addressed a letter to the receivers inviting their attention to the necessity of these improvements, and urging that they proceed with them.

"The intention of erecting this freight station," said Mr. Goodman yesterday, "had so far progressed prior to the receivership that the land had been bought, the contract had been given out and material for construction had been assembled, when the receivership interfered with further progress at that time."

"Recognizing the difficulties that must, of necessity, have confronted the receivers at the inception of the receivership, and in view of the commercial depression that existed for the greater part of 1908, the Chamber realized that the receivers could not have been reasonably expected within that time to make the desired improvements, and although it knew that the material assembled for use in the intended construction of the freight station had been taken away and otherwise disposed of, it felt that the receivers must be acting under the impulse of necessity; nor does it now desire unnecessarily to embarrass them when it suggests that they now give consideration to a new plan for the purpose of the company, prior to the receivership, by obtaining the authority of the court to do so."

No More Business Depression.

"We consider the present moment a propitious one to make this request, feeling justified in the belief that the business depression is about to give place to a material improvement in conditions and renewed activity in all lines. We notice from a perusal of the orders of the court that the receivers have, upon request, been authorized to make improvements of a substantial character at several important points along the Seaboard system, involving liberal expenditures, and as the improvements at Richmond are not only meritorious and necessary, but had been actually undertaken by the company prior to the receivership, we hope that the receivers will now petition the court to authorize them to carry them to completion."

Property Transfer.

J. B. Egan & Company sold at public auction yesterday the dwellings Nos. 218 and 221 South Laura Street to Dr. George W. Gay, Jr., for \$2,646, and the dwellings Nos. 211 and 213; South Cherry Street to Mr. W. B. Purcell, Jr., for \$1,895.

Building Permit.

A permit was issued yesterday from the office of the Building Inspector to E. C. Woodward, to erect two detached frame dwellings, Nos. 1420 and 1422 Taylor Street, to cost \$1,000.

PLAYGROUND MEASURE Tabled TO SAVE IT

Hobson Showed That Plan Would Have Been Defeated if Put to Vote.

PRESIDENT WOOD HITS BACK

Answers Newspaper Editorial, While Colleagues Cheer—Fireproof Armory for Blues.

Although many persons interested in the playgrounds movement were present, the Board of Aldermen last night tabled the ordinance providing for their establishment. The statement was made that there were not enough affirmative votes present to pass it.

The proposition to construct a Blues armory, also met with delay. The award of contract being referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to recommend an extra appropriation which will cover the expense of a fireproof building.

President Wood made a statement in reply to an editorial in an afternoon paper, which brought the applause of the Board, irrespective of its standing on the question at issue.

Mr. Elliott offered an ordinance providing for the consolidation of Richmond with Manchester, drawn in accordance with an act of the last Legislature, providing for the consolidation of cities. It was referred to a special committee.

Communication from the City Assembly of Manchester, returning a former resolution in accord with the act of Legislature, was read, and it showed that the consolidation of the two cities would facilitate final action. The paper was also referred to the special committee.

To New Avenue. On the roll call Mr. Whitte offered a resolution directing the Finance Committee to include in the next annual budget an appropriation of \$86,950 to build a new school on New Avenue and Cherry Street. It was referred to the proper committee.

Mr. Elliott offered an ordinance to fix the point at which street cars shall stop for the reception of passengers. It was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Rules. From that committee came ordinances amending the plumbing code of the city and regulating the sale of land for delinquent taxes. Both were tabled and ordered printed.

An ordinance to prohibit minors from entering poolrooms, under penalty of from \$10 to \$25 fine for each offense, was adopted. The Board concurred in an appropriation of \$15,000 for fire protection of public schools, for an appropriation of \$1,000 for the Rivers and Harbors Congress, for providing a temporary fund of \$76,700 to enable the Sinking Fund Commissioners to purchase an entire issue of city bonds, and providing a custodian for the City Auditorium.

Favor Playgrounds. When the playground ordinance came up on concurrence, Mr. Hobson moved to table, saying that it required fourteen votes, and would be defeated if forced to a vote at once. The motion carried. The impression was that the ordinance would be passed by a measure, which required fourteen votes for passage.

On the question of awarding a contract to John T. Wilson for the erection of the Blues Armory, for \$32,815.00, a letter of protest was read from W. A. Phillips, owner of No. 606 Fish Alley, who claimed that his entrance, light and air would be cut off by the proposed building. After debate, Mr. Whitte moved that all the papers relating to the Blues Armory be referred to the Finance Committee, with the request that it provide sufficient funds to erect a fireproof house.

John T. Wilson is also lowest bidder on fireproof construction, his figure being \$116,500, to which must be added architect's fees and extras. The motion was adopted, thus committing the upper branch to the all-fireproof construction of the Blues Armory.

Criticize School Board. Under suspension of rules an ordinance enlarging the police powers to the keeper of St. John's burying ground was adopted, thus committing the work on the new High School building called forth debate, in which the School Board was criticized for authorizing changes in the plans approved by the Council.

The paper was referred to the School Board for a report as to the character of the changes, and the objects for same.

Ris. to a question of personal privilege, President Wood replied to an editorial in the Evening Journal. He denied that he had, in his official life, ever attempted to hide behind another man, and denounced the publication as an attempt to belittle him.

The editorial was based on a report that Mr. Wood had asked for an opinion from the City Attorney in regard to

the liability of the city in case of accident at proposed playgrounds. It charged that the opinion had been secured in an effort to block the playground scheme.

Mr. Wood denied what he had asked for such an opinion, and stated that Mr. Pollard had told him that no written opinion had been given on the subject. Beyond that, Mr. Wood claimed that he had no right, and possibly it was his duty, to secure such an opinion, and that since he had been brought into prominence as an opponent of the playground scheme, it would make the fight warm for those who advocated it. His statement was applauded.

GAVE NO OPINION

City Attorney Says He Has Not Passed on Playground Proposition.

City Attorney Pollard said last night that, contrary to the current report at the City Hall, he had given no opinion affecting the liability of the city in regard to possible injury to any child in a municipal playground, and that no opinion had been requested on the point at issue. An opinion given some time ago by Mr. Pollard was to the effect that, under the charter, the City Council had the right to establish and maintain playgrounds.

As to the point raised by opponents to the scheme of the city's liability, Mr. Pollard said he could not speak in such a way as to antedate any opinion he may be asked to render. A high legal authority indicated yesterday that in his opinion the city would not be liable for such injuries; that the courts had held that in the event of a child falling down the rickety stairs of a public school building, the city was not liable. The law, he said, made a clear distinction between schools and parks, operated for the public good, and business enterprises, operated by the city for profit. A special charter provision giving the city control of the streets makes it liable under certain conditions of negligence or bad repair.

BIDS FOR CITY PRINTING

Specifications Issued and Competition Invited. Some Shops Excluded.

The Council Committee on Printing and Claims last night asked for bids on all classes of city printing for 1909, to be opened on December 29th. Revised specifications will be furnished. A member of the committee said he would oppose receiving a bid from any firm not equipped with sufficient machinery to execute the contract promptly.

Complaint was made to the committee that a volume of city ordinances furnished to the city printer in September had not been delivered, nor had proofs been sent. The clerk was directed to call the attention of Mosby & Houseman, the present contractors, to a clause of the contract, which provides for its abrogation in the event of such delay in execution of the work.

INDORSE VIRGINIA DAY

Business Men's Club Tells Governor That It Will Help Advance Idea.

In a letter yesterday to Governor Swanson, Colonel W. O. Skelton, secretary and treasurer of the Business Men's Club, said:

"We thought your suggestion about Virginia Day May 12th is a most happy one, and inclose copy of resolutions passed to-day. Please consider that we are entirely at your service in your patriotic undertaking."

The resolutions follow:

The management of the Business Men's Club heartily indorse the suggestion of Governor Claude A. Swanson that the historic landing of the first settlers in America on May 13th be made Virginia Day, and a homecoming for all absent Virginians, and will most cordially assist in bringing his patriotic suggestion to a happy consummation.

WAREHOUSES CLOSE FRIDAY FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

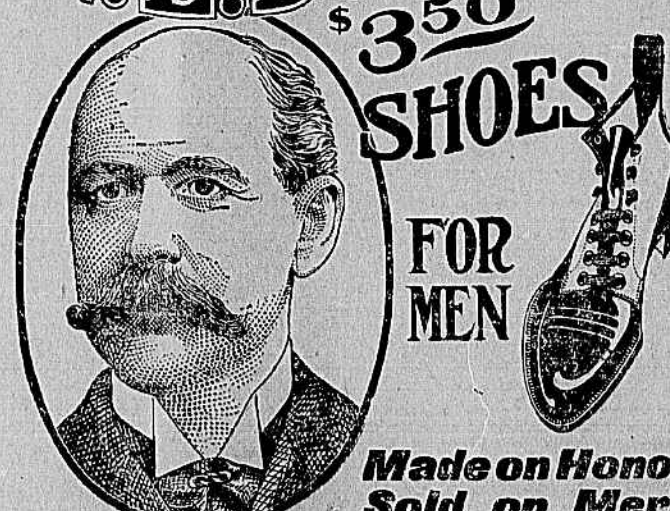
Local tobacco dealers have agreed to close the market for the Christmas holidays, and the close of the sales on Friday. The warehouses will open again on Tuesday, January 4th.

With the opening of this week's market the heavy sales of the last several weeks continue, and, according to the dealers, will hold out until the week closes on Friday.

Prices are holding up well, especially on dark stemming tobacco, which is bringing from \$5 to \$16. More than 200,000 pounds were sold on the floors yesterday.

An Appeal for Cake

Mrs. Captain Fowler, of the Salvation Army, here to ask if there aren't 300 ladies in the city who will each bake a cake for the Christmas dinner baskets, the number of baskets to be given away being 400, and she will consider it a great favor to receive an early reply. All cakes must be in by the 22d.



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At \$12.75—Men's Cravenette Raincoats worth \$18.00.
At \$19.50—Men's Cravenette Raincoats worth up to \$30.00.

Medium and Heavy-Weight Overcoats.

At \$10.75—Men's Overcoats worth \$15.00.
At \$12.75—Men's Overcoats worth \$18.00.
At \$19.50—Men's Overcoats worth up to \$30.00.

Youths' Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats.

At \$9.75—Suits, Cravenette Raincoats and Overcoats worth \$13.50 and \$15.00.

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Several hundred pairs of Desirable Worsteds and Cheviots are all included in this XMAS SALE—All sizes—all kinds.

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The greatest offerings of the whole season—the greatest varieties.

At \$2.95—Suits—Overcoats and Reefers, worth \$5.00.
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At \$1.45—worth \$2.50.

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Bought especially to give extraordinary values during this sale. Every Scarf put in a separate box.

Gans-Rady Company.

DETECTIVE FORCE GOT MUCH MONEY STILL IN THE AIR ON FAKE CONCERN

Board Begins Investigation, but Defers Final Action Until Friday Night.

Despite the recent agitation ament the proposed changes in the detective force of the Police Department, the Board of Police Commissioners, at its meeting last night, did not take any move that was calculated in any way to effect a change. The meeting lasted two hours or more, and in that time, it is supposed—the matter came up for general discussion. Many reports as to the proposed changes have been cast abroad, and there has been some ill feeling engendered. It is reported that the Board postponed action, and will meet again on Friday night.

In the meanwhile rumors are going abroad and are being discussed. The proposed changes are more in rumor than in fact, and the Board will be well advised before it enters upon a radical change. That some change is needed is well recognized, but the board is hampered in many ways. It is hampered, it is said, by local feeling. It is also hampered by lack of funds. The commissioners feel that they are doing the best they can, despite the criticism which has been received. The board has been commended lately for efficient work; it has also been subjected to a severe criticism. Thus it is that the commissioners feel that it is wise to postpone action.

A Cavalry Night.

Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans is anticipated an evening of great interest. On Friday night the portrait of General William H. Payne, the distinguished leader of Virginia cavalry, will be presented. Mr. Leigh Robinson, of Washington, and Colonel Thos. Smith, of Warrenton, will be the speakers. The portrait gallery of Lee Camp grows constantly in value and in historic interest. Those who followed General Payne and all veterans and Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy are invited.

Suit Against Schmidt.

Suit was brought yesterday in the Law and Equity Court by the W. B. Wool Heating Company against William C. Schmidt for \$1,000.

Mr. Carlton Here.

Mr. L. M. Carlton, of Roxboro, N. C., a prominent lawyer and partner of Governor-elect W. W. Richards in the city and in registered at Murphy's.

Chicago Solicitor Disappears Before Police Learn That He Was an Impostor.

Major Werner was informed yesterday that there is no such organization as the International Commercial Travelers' Association, with headquarters at 22-25 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, though a man representing himself to be D. G. Miller, passing through the city on Monday and managed to secure a rather large amount of money by saying that the organization was formed to procure funds and signatures to a petition to Congress to pass the Sulzer bill for the 2-cent passenger rate.

The young man had stationery addressed to the billiard and picture of Congressman Sulzer of New York, and he had, apparently, done a thriving business. He claimed to be from Chicago, but information from that city disclosed the fact that no such organization was known there. Miller was taken up on the streets by Detective Sergeant Gibson on Monday, but there was nothing at the time to identify him as an impostor. He was allowed to escape. Later the chief telegraphed to Chicago to find out what the organization really is. When he got word yesterday Miller had disappeared.

TO INSPECT DAIRIES

Pure Food Department to Begin Work at Once on This Line.

Prof. W. D. Saunders, Pure Food and Dairy Commissioner, was in his office at the Capitol yesterday, having returned from a trip to the State of New York in connection with his department. Prof. Saunders announced to a Times-Dispatch man that he would within the next few days put several of his men at work inspecting conditions prevailing in dairies in various sections of the State.

When asked if his jurisdiction extended to bakeries he replied in the affirmative, and he said further that he had already had some of them inspected.

Although Prof. Saunders did not say so, there is a strong belief that the inspection of bakeries to ascertain health conditions and the purity of the products is the province solely of the department of health and pure food, and that inspections made by the Department of Labor can only properly refer to the labor employed, to order a ascertain if the laws governing the employment and working of such labor are properly carried out.

To Accommodate Rush.

For the purpose of accommodating the Christmas rush, a new stamp window has been installed at the post-office and several temporary employees have been put on. The force will be augmented as the holidays grow nearer.